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## Appraisal Subcommittee

*Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council*

March 15, 2016

The Honorable Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres  
Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Caller Box 10007  
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Dear Governor Torres:

The purpose of this letter is to ensure that you are aware of a very unique Federal oversight to one of your State programs. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands appraiser regulatory program (Program) is one of many important State programs. However, the Federal government has oversight and enforcement authority over State appraiser regulatory programs pursuant to Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended (Title XI).

Title XI created the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (ASC) and made it responsible for monitoring State appraiser regulatory programs. The ASC conducts on-site Compliance Reviews (Review) to assess each State's program for compliance with Title XI. With the passage of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, Title XI was amended in ways that have significant implications for the ASC's mission and authority, as well as the State's responsibilities.

The ASC conducted a Review on November 16-17, 2015, to determine your Program's compliance with Title XI. The Program was given an ASC Finding of "Needs Improvement." The final ASC Compliance Review Report (Report) is attached. The ASC identified the following area of non-compliance:

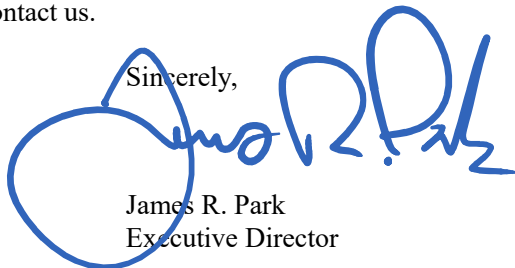
- States must have funding and staffing sufficient to carry out their Title XI-related duties.

ASC staff will confirm appropriate corrective actions have been taken through off-site monitoring and during the next Review. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will remain on a two-year Review Cycle.

Our Annual Report is enclosed to help you become acquainted with the unique partnership and regulatory structure created by Title XI between the Federal and State governments and the private sector. These materials provide detailed information about the ASC's oversight responsibility of your State's program, as well as information regarding the Appraisal Foundation's private sector component of this partnership. You will find additional information on our website [www.asc.gov](http://www.asc.gov).

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Esther Sablan Fleming, Executive Director for the Board of Professional Licensing